In the Claims:

Claims 1-33 (Cancelled)

34. (Presently Amended) A method of forwarding message attachments, comprising the steps of:

receiving an electronic message at a host computer, the electronic message including a message body and a message attachment;

decoupling the message attachment from the message body and storing the message attachment at the host computer;

forwarding the message body and information regarding the identity and type of the message attachment to a wireless mobile ~~data~~ communications device;

receiving the message body and the information regarding the message attachment at the wireless mobile communication device;

providing a plurality of attachment processing commands at the wireless mobile communication device, the plurality of attachment processing commands including a first command that directs the host computer to transmit the message attachment to the wireless mobile communication device and a second command that directs the host computer to transmit the message attachment to an external device capable of processing the attachment; and

transmitting a first command message or a second command message corresponding to a user selection of the first or second command from the wireless mobile communication device to the host computer to thereby process the decoupled message attachment, the host computer subsequently directing the decoupled message attachment to the wireless mobile communication device or the external device, respectively

~~transmitting a first command message from the wireless mobile communication device to the host computer directing the host computer to transmit the message attachment to the wireless mobile communication device; and~~

~~transmitting a second command message from the wireless mobile communication device to the host computer directing the host computer to transmit the message attachment to an external device capable of processing the attachment~~.

Claims 35-39 (Cancelled)

40. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the second command message includes information identifying the destination of the external device, and wherein the host computer utilizes the destination information to ~~transmit~~ direct the message attachment to the external device.

Claims 41-45 (Cancelled)

46. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising the steps of:

providing a user profile for the wireless mobile communication device, wherein the user profile stores a list of one or more external devices associated with the wireless mobile communication device; and

in response to receiving the second command message from the wireless mobile communication device, the host computer accessing the user profile associated with the wireless mobile communication device to determine the external device to which the message attachment is to be ~~sent~~ directed.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the messages received at the host computer are directed to a first address at the host computer, the method further comprising the steps of:

configuring one or more redirection events at the host computer;

detecting that a redirection event has occurred at the host computer and generating a redirection trigger; and

in response to the redirection trigger, forwarding the received message bodies and information regarding the attachments to the wireless mobile communication device.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the redirection events include external events, internal events or networked events, wherein the external events are events external to the host system, wherein the internal events are events internal to the host computer, and wherein the networked events are events that occur on a network coupled to the host computer.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein one of the external events is a message from the wireless mobile communication device to start the redirection step.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the internal events include a calendar alarm, a screen saver activation or a keyboard timeout signal associated with the host computer.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the wireless mobile communication device is a hand-held wireless paging computer, a wirelessly-enabled palm-top computer, a mobile telephone with data messaging capabilities or a wirelessly-enabled laptop computer.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the attachment type is a voice data message.

53. (New) A system for processing message attachments, comprising:

a host computer for receiving an electronic message including a message body and a message attachment and for decoupling the message attachment from the message body, wherein the host system forwards the message body and information regarding the identity and type of the message attachment to a wireless mobile communication device;

the wireless mobile communication device being configured to generate a plurality of attachment processing commands in response to receiving the message body and information regarding the identify and type of the message attachment, the plurality of attachment processing commands including a first command that directs the host computer to transmit the message attachment to the wireless mobile communication device and a second

command that directs the host computer to transmit the message attachment to an external device capable of processing the attachment.

54. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the wireless mobile communication device transmits a first command message or a second command message corresponding to a user selection of the first or second command to the host computer to thereby process the decoupled message attachment, the host computer subsequently directing the decoupled message attachment to the wireless mobile communication device or the external device, respectively.

55. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the second command message includes information identifying the destination of the external device, and wherein the host computer utilizes the destination information to direct the message attachment to the external device.

56. (New) The system of claim 53, further comprising:

a user profile stored at the host computer for the wireless mobile communication device, wherein the user profile stores a list of one or more external devices associated with the wireless mobile communication device; and

wherein the host computer, in response to receiving the second command message from the wireless mobile communication device, accesses the user profile associated with the wireless mobile communication device to determine the external device to which the message attachment is to be directed.

57. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the wireless mobile communication device is a hand-held wireless paging computer, a wirelessly-enabled palm-top computer, a mobile telephone with data messaging capabilities or a wirelessly-enabled laptop computer.

58. (New) The system of claim 53, further comprising:

a voice mail system in communication with the host computer, wherein the attachment type is a voice data message, and wherein the second command message instructs the host computer to direct the voice data message to the voice mail system.

59. (New) A method of processing message attachments, comprising:

receiving and storing a message having a message attachment at a messaging server;

detecting the stored message using a message redirector component, the message redirector component including a configuration file that lists the types of attachments that can be received and processed by a wireless mobile communication device;

if the message attachment is of the type that can be received and processed by the wireless mobile communication device, then redirecting the message and the message attachment from the messaging server to the wireless mobile communication device; and

if the message attachment is not of the type that can be received and processed by the wireless mobile communication device, then decoupling the message from the message attachment and redirecting the message and information regarding the type of attachment to the wireless mobile communication device, and receiving the message and the information regarding the type of attachment at the wireless mobile communication device and generating one of a plurality of command messages, a first command message that alters the configuration file so that attachments of the type indicated by the received information can be received and processed by the wireless mobile communication device, or a second command message that instructs the redirector component to direct the message attachment to an external device.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the configuration file is programmed by a user of the wireless mobile communication device.

61. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the first command message alters the configuration file on a per message basis.

62. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the first command message alters the configuration file on a global basis.

63. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the external device is a networked printer or a fax machine in communication with the redirector component.

64. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the second command message includes destination information for routing the message attachment to the external device.